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In re Patent Application of)
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Karl S. BEERS et al.) Group Art Unit: 3644
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DIFFERENT PERMEABILITY AND)
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REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 13, 2000, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Re-examination and reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, in view of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, claims 1-3, 11, 13-14, 16-17, 22, 24-25, and 29-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Edwards et al* (U.S. Patent No. 5,013,331). Claims 4, 5-10, 12, 15-16, 18, 19-21, 23, and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Edwards et al* in view of *Dornheim* ("Airline Industry Takes Fresh Look At Inerting," Aviation Week and Space Technology, U.S.